

(c) It has not been possible to set up a Doordarshan Studio at Sambalpur on account of constraints on resources. However, for the production of programmes of local content, Mobile Film and Video Units have been provided at Sambalpur.

(d) One hour and 15 minutes daily, except Saturday, when total duration of transmission is three hours for telecast of feature film.

(e) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to introduce an afternoon educational programme for schools for duration of 20 minutes w.e.f. August, 1980.

(f) Does not arise

Expenditure incurred by candidate in elections

3361. SHRI R. R. BHOLE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a candidate for Assembly or Parliament elections has to spend a very large sum of money;

(b) whether a poor candidate with very little resources cannot stand for election;

(c) are Government aware that he is barred from standing because he is poor; and

(d) whether Government propose to bear the expenses of candidate's workers, transport and printing material in such elections?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS: (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) to (c). There is no legal provision which requires a candidates for an Assembly or Parliamentary election to spend a large sum of money. There is also no provision in any law which disqualifies a person from standing for such election on the ground of poverty. Nevertheless, it is a reality that candidate

for such election incurs a considerable expenditure. All the same several persons with very little resources have, either with the help of a political party or of the voters, contested elections and a number of them have been successful.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Radio and T.V. Stations in Karnataka

3362. SHRI D. M. PUTTE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that radio stations installed in Karnataka are not powerful and thus the programmes are not clearly audible in villages situated at a distance of above 60 miles, from radio stations;

(b) whether Government propose to instal a powerful short-wave radio station at Bangalore; if so, when;

(c) when Government propose to Commission Bangalore T.V. Centre, reasons for delay; and

(d) what will be the area covered by Bangalore T.V. Centre and whether Government have any proposals to set up T.V. Centres at other places in Karnataka, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The 50 KW MW transmitter at Bangalore and the 10 KW MW transmitter at Dharwad have a range of more than 60 miles. Gulbarga 10 KW MW transmitter has a range of more than 60 miles in south-West direction only. The range of 20 KW MW transmitter at Udipi is expected to be about 60 miles only in the northern direction. The range of the 20 KW MW transmitter at Bhadravati, 1 KW MW transmitter at Mysore, 1 KW MW transmitter at Mangalore, 1 KW MW transmitter at Bangalore and 1 KW